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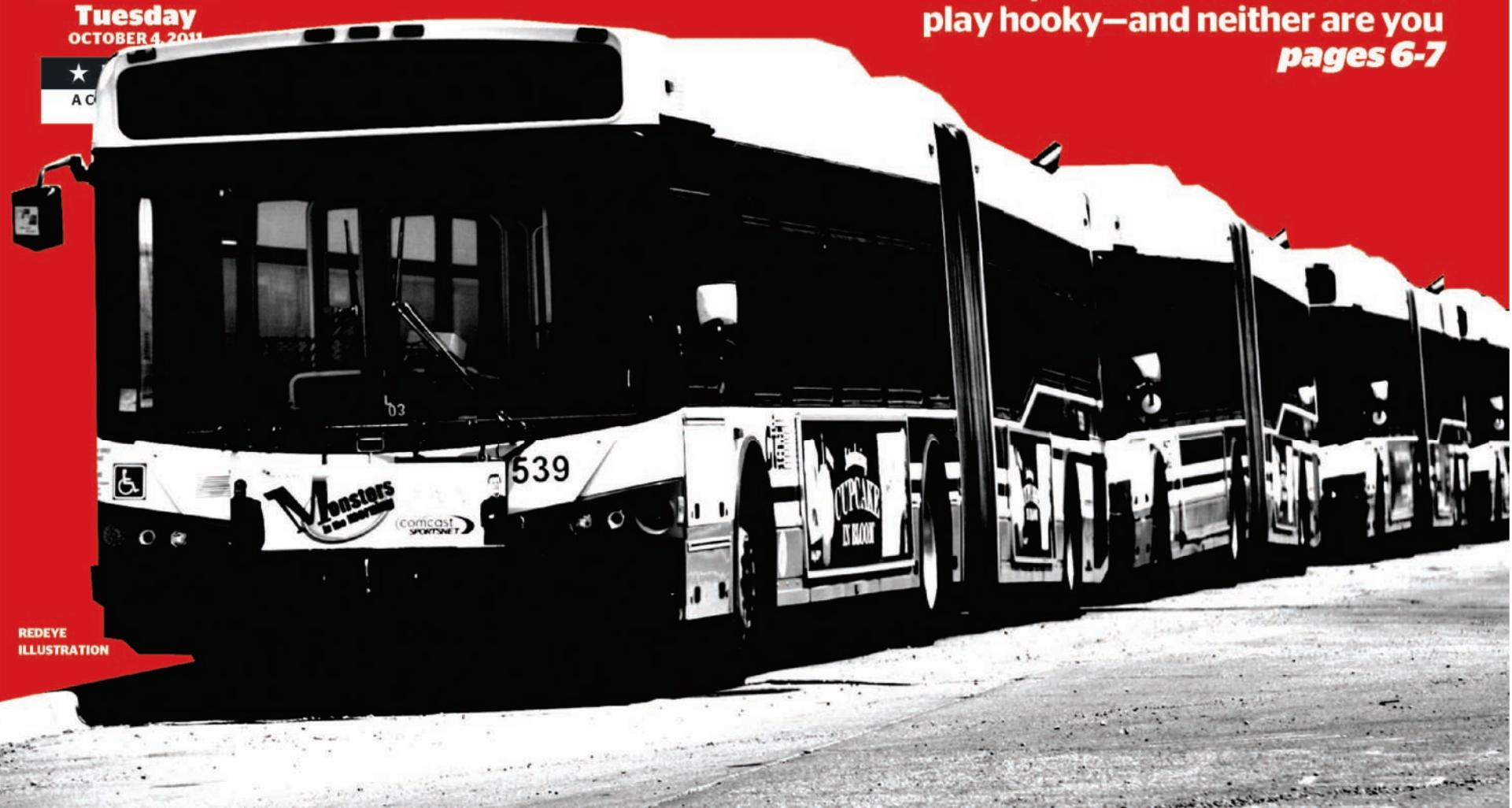


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WHY YOU WERE WAITING

Buses and trains aren't going
anywhere when CTA drivers
play hooky—and neither are you
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The Florentine

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GET BENDY

UniverSoul Circus at Washington Park

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American student Amanda Knox reacts to the announcement of the verdict in her appeal trial Monday in Perugia, Italy. Knox was acquitted of the murder and sexual assault of her British roommate, Meredith Kercher, after spending four years in prison. **GETTY IMAGES**

OBSSESSION

AMANDA KNOX HAS BEEN FREED— BUT THE MEDIA CIRCUS ISN'T OVER YET

CNN

Sex. Witch. She-devil.

Those are the sensational words that captured headlines in the U.S., Great Britain and Italy during the Amanda Knox saga. On Monday, the buzz phrase was "judgment day."

Would the flaxen-haired, photogenic American student, convicted in 2009 of sexually assaulting and murdering her British housemate, Meredith Kercher, be set free? Would her conviction be overturned?

Knox was freed Monday.

Authorities quickly hustled Knox out of the courtroom and to the prison where she could collect her things.

The Knox case was a pop culture obsession, and the interest won't end now that the jury has decided to set her free. The race will be on for which media outlet interviews her

first. More than 410 journalists had credentials to be at the courthouse in the tiny village of Perugia, Italy.

Meanwhile, movie deals are in the works. Filmmaker Michael Winterbottom is interested in making a movie about Knox, with Oscar-winning actor Colin Firth starring as a journalist covering the trial, the *Guardian* reports.

Tourism in Perugia apparently hasn't benefited from the notoriety, according to Italy's *La Stampa* newspaper. Several residents say they'd rather their village go back to being famous for its chocolate.

On Monday, Knox's name didn't fall out of the top five trending topics on Google, a remarkable feat for today's constantly changing news cycle.

It was social media, after all, that helped form the image of Knox as both an innocent

BOOK IT

In the past few years, many books have been written about Knox, including one titled "Angel Face." The latest book is "The Fatal Gift of Beauty: The Trials of Amanda Knox."

American college student and a murdering temptress.

In 2007, images on Knox's Facebook page were taken by media in the U.S., Great Britain and elsewhere and used in stories. A private video posted on YouTube showing Knox laughing suddenly had a sinister feel, stories about the case note. The nickname Foxy Knox didn't come from the press; it was given to Knox by her schoolmates and was an innocent gesture made long before Kercher's death. But "Foxy Knox" repeated on the Web and in news stories, took on another meaning. It quickly began to feel synonymous with cunning and deception, with sexist overtones.

THE CASE



Kercher

Amanda Knox and her Italian former boyfriend, Raffaele Sollecito, were cleared and freed Monday after appealing a 2009 verdict that found them guilty of murdering British student Meredith Kercher.

NOVEMBER 2007

» Kercher's body is found with a stab wound in the throat, in the apartment she shared with Knox.



Sollecito

» Knox, Sollecito and bar owner Patrick Diya Lumumba are questioned by Italian police.
» Police say they are seeking a fourth suspect, named as Rudy Hermann Guede.

OCTOBER 2008

» Guede is sentenced to 30 years in jail for taking part in Kercher's murder. It's later reduced to 16 years.

JANUARY 2009

» Trial of Knox and Sollecito begins.

DECEMBER 2009

» A court sentences Knox to 26 years in prison and Sollecito to 25 years after they are found guilty of murdering Kercher during a drunken sex assault.

NOVEMBER 2010

» Knox and Sollecito's appeal against their convictions starts and is adjourned. It resumes in December.

JUNE 2011

» An independent forensic report discredits police evidence used to help convict Knox.

SEPTEMBER 2011

» Prosecutors ask the court to keep Knox and Sollecito behind bars for life.
» Patrick Lumumba's lawyer says Knox destroyed Lumumba's image by falsely accusing him.

OCTOBER 2011

» In an appeal, a jury finds Knox and Sollecito not guilty of murder. The court upholds a conviction against Knox for slander against Lumumba.

REUTERS

North Side CTA riders to see bus signs first



GOING PUBLIC

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city. The first 150 shelter signs, slated to be installed by March, concentrate on North Side routes, city data shows.

This initial batch of shelter signs is geared toward the express buses, Nos. 143-148, which travel along Lake Shore Drive between the North Side and North Michigan Avenue.

There will be 19 electronic signs posted along the No. 147-Outer Drive Express route, between the Howard stop on the Red, Purple and Yellow lines and Michigan Avenue and Congress Parkway. About 16,000 riders take that route each weekday.

Citywide, each ward initially is receiving at least two shelter signs, but three wards, in the downtown area and on the West Side, each will see 10 displays, according to data posted on transitchicago.com.

The 42nd Ward—which encompasses the Loop, North Michigan Avenue, River North, Streeterville and the Gold Coast—is netting 20 shelter signs, the most of any ward. The ward's alderman, Brendan Reilly, did not return calls for comment.

Though North Michigan Avenue is a high

North Siders, pack that app up.

Riders on the North Side may not have to rely on CTA tracking apps, thanks to new electronic signs that display bus arrival information.

Mayor Emanuel announced last week that the CTA plans to set up 400 electronic Bus Tracker displays at shelters across the

TALK TO US

What would be a creative CTA-themed Halloween costume? Send an email to tswartz@tribune.com. Please include your full name, age and neighborhood.

RIDER'S BLOCK

» My pledge to ride every CTA bus line continues. I rode the No. 91-Austin last week and boiled my review down to a tweet.

» **@tracyswartz** 48 min from Jefferson Park Blue Line to Austin/Roosevelt. Border line: Travels along the border of Oak Park and Cicero. Stops by Green Line.

127 routes down, 12 to go!

Next up: No. 8A-South Halsted.

traffic area for buses, there are routes elsewhere that log higher ridership.

The No. 79-79th bus, which travels along 79th Street between the lakefront and Western Avenue, had the highest average weekday ridership in August: nearly 30,000 riders. Four signs will be placed along this route in the initial phase of this project.

The No. 9-Ashland bus, which travels along Ashland Avenue between 95th Street and Irving Park Road, records about 100 fewer riders than the No. 79 on an average weekday. Ten signs will be placed along the No. 9 route.

The 400 displays scheduled to be installed will cover 80 percent of the CTA's ridership, agency president Forrest Claypool said.

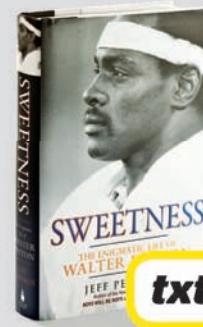
The \$3.8 million sign project is being paid for with money from the CTA, Regional Transportation Authority and the federal government. A full list of electronic sign locations is posted at transitchicago.com.

Spotlight on Wilson

The Wilson Red Line stop, the three-time winner of Going Public's annual "Crust Station" contest for dirty and inconvenient "L" stops, is getting a little sunshine. Artist Kathryn Trumbull Fimreite and children from the Sunlight African Community Center, which provides after-school programs in Uptown, have created a 16-foot mural for the Wilson stop. An opening reception for the artwork will be held from 4-7 p.m. Oct. 15 at the community center, 4538 N. Broadway.



GREAT DEBATE



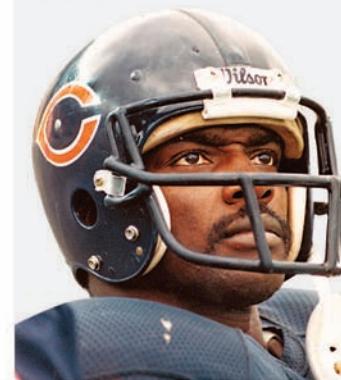
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PAYTON BOOK

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BIG TALKERS

Introducing the "stayover relationship," in which daters stay at each other's places but never officially move in. Readers weigh in on Monday's cover story, plus news that Amanda Knox has been freed from an Italian prison.

f I loved adult sleepovers—and better when they would leave. I like my own time. —Jeralin Braun-Bucholtz

o Why do people feel the need to push for a timeline or exact date for when a relationship will or must move to the next level? Relax. Date. Sleep over. Have fun! —City Gal

f We need separate places. I need my space. —Juan Dominguez

f What's with all this "I need my own space" talk? Moving in with someone doesn't mean you give up your alone time. Your apartment or house will have more than one room, so you wouldn't be attached at the hip. —Amanda Polowniak

f So many innocent people are on death row. She spent 4 yrs of her life in jail for nothing. —Melanie Pikosky

f I'll be her date for the release party ... —Grey Pierces

f Justice! —Sonya Stephens

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HE SAID/ HE SAID

CTA bus garages staff a total of about 600 extra employees every day to fill in for drivers who call in sick or simply don't show up, CTA officials said. About 280 extra employees are scheduled on the rail side to back-fill. About 90 percent of the extra workers are needed because of unscheduled absences, CTA officials said.

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CTA OFFICIAL



"We basically carry a very large contingent of workers on standby in recognition of the abuse that has become institutionalized at the CTA."

—Forrest Claypool, CTA president
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UNION OFFICIAL

"People in all walks of life get sick, miss work—and often nobody needs to fill in for them. But buses and trains must keep running, and it's normal to have a contingency work force."

—Larry Hanley, president of the ATU international union in Washington

OFF TRACK

WHERE'S YOUR RIDE TO WORK? CTA OFFICIALS, UNION POINT FINGERS OVER CANCELLATIONS

Chicago Tribune

The odds of experiencing a bad commute on the CTA are greater on Mondays and Fridays and during the run-up to rush periods, all because of canceled buses and trains, a Tribune examination of performance data has found.

The worst month for canceled runs so far this year? August.

Riders of the CTA's No. 86 Narragansett/Ridgeland know better than any other bus riders what it is like to wait for a bus that seems to never come—their route has the highest rate of canceled runs, according to the Tribune analysis.

Next are the No. 66 Chicago, No. 151 Sheridan, No. 82 Kimball/Homan and No. 22 Clark, according to the tabulation, which was based on individual incidents the CTA reported for January through August of this year.

For rail passengers, the Blue Line is most likely to suffer canceled runs. Nearly 1,000 Blue Line trains were canceled in the time period. It was followed by the Red Line, with 873 cancellations, the data show.

The Tribune's look at canceled runs shows that "manpower shortage" is far and away the most common reason cited by the agency for why passengers are left waiting. The finding raises questions for the agency about how it manages its work force in an era of diminishing resources.

Peak travel periods are precisely when the CTA's capacity is beginning to be stretched to the limit and every bus and train is needed.

CTA rider Monica Espana said service is getting worse on the Narragansett/Ridgeland bus route.

"You have to wait probably 30 minutes or



THE DIGIT

70%

Labor costs account for 70 percent of the CTA's operating budget.

more," Espana, 23, said. "And that's pretty much all day long."

In their defense, CTA officials say they have a chronic absenteeism problem and point the finger at lax work rules and union contracts that make it difficult to discipline drivers who repeatedly fail to show up. Chronically absent employees can face dismissal only after seven occurrences in a calendar year, under the current contract. Being absent without leave for multiple days counts as a single occurrence.

Rampant absenteeism will cost the cash-strapped agency an additional \$40 million

this year to hire fill-in workers, officials said. The extra expense comes as the CTA is expected to impose a fare increase in 2012 to balance its budget.

An average of 19 days will be lost this year for each front-line employee because of unscheduled missed work—the equivalent of about four weeks each for the 7,882-member bus and rail staffs, CTA projections show. When scheduled days off are factored in, the total averages two months lost for each employee, or about 355,000 days lost, the CTA said.

Under the CTA's collective-bargaining agreement with its unions, no pay is provided for the first two days off sick. However, workers who have called in sick for five days receive full pay. Employees earn a maximum of \$200 per week for up to 26 weeks under short-term disability.

The No. 86 Narragansett/Ridgeland route has the highest rate of canceled runs, according to a Tribune analysis. **PHIL VELASQUEZ/TRIBUNE**



The CTA's rate of unscheduled absences is 2½ times what occurs at transportation systems, communications companies and utilities operated by private companies, according to a 2010 study by Mercer Human Resource Consulting and Deloitte.

The transit agency's new president, Forrest Claypool, has vowed to end what he called "an unacceptable level of gaming the system" that has been tolerated by previous administrations.

"If you look at the absenteeism numbers, the long-awaited four-day work week has arrived for the CTA," said Claypool, who added that he will take a hard line with the unions when the current labor contract expires at the end of the year.

Claypool said a number of employees "mysteriously call in sick on Mondays or Fridays, particularly around holiday week-

ends as well as other times, to bookend their weekends."

"It is a minority of workers who don't show up for work," he said. "But it is endemic and growing worse."

Leaders of the Amalgamated Transit Union, which represents CTA bus drivers and rail operators, agreed that absenteeism is excessive, but they blamed CTA management for fostering poor morale among the rank and file.

"I, as a union leader, have been fighting on the CTA's side to help get more funding. But we feel management is always working against us," said Robert Kelly, president of ATU Local 308, the rail workers union. "All we ask for is respect, and we don't get it here. It has always been that way. CTA always assumes you are guilty until you are proven innocent."

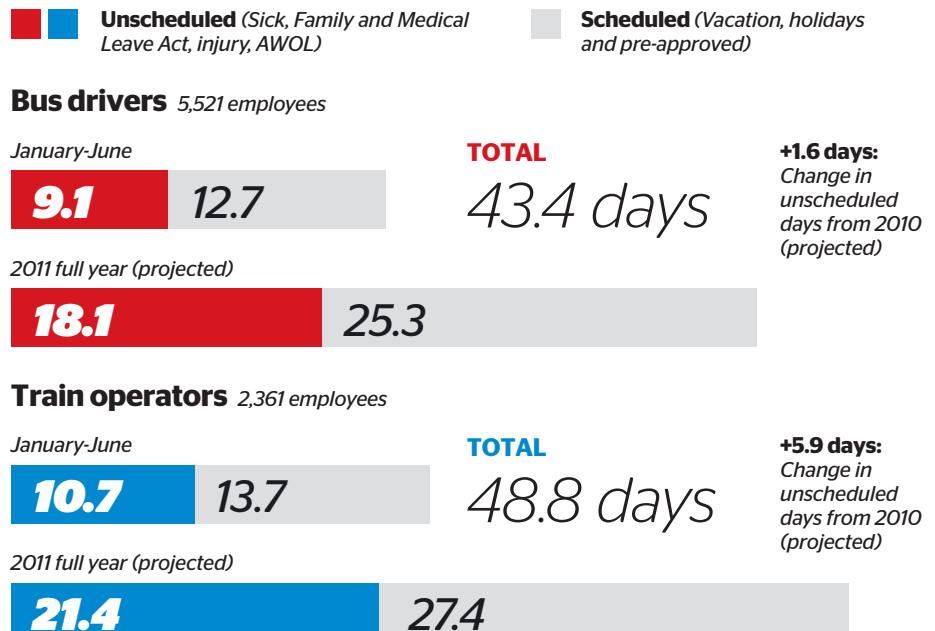
BUSTED?



Nearly 77 percent of canceled CTA bus runs and 53 percent of canceled CTA train runs from January to August were due to manpower shortages. Through the first half of 2011, CTA bus drivers and train operators each took more than 20 days off on average, nearly half of which were unscheduled. **SOURCE: CTA, TRIBUNE**

TIME OFF

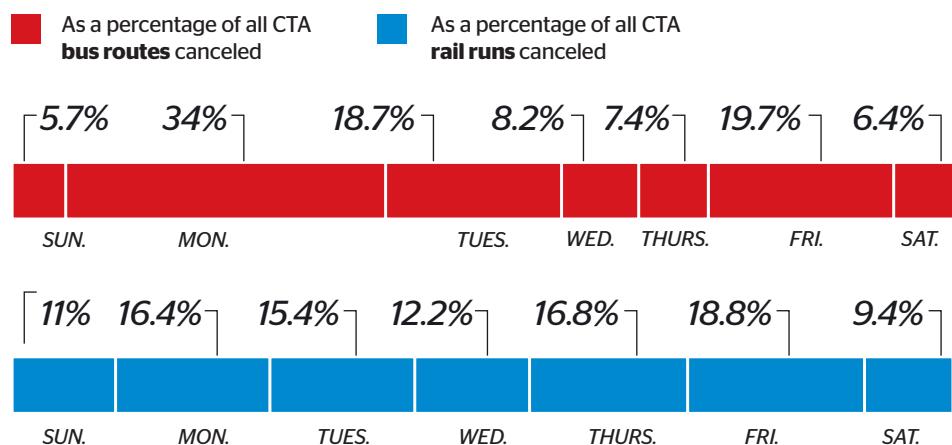
CTA bus driver and train operator time off per capita



NOTE: Employee totals as of June 30.

CTA CANCELLATIONS

By day from January to August



Peak cancellations by hour from January to August

6 A.M.

169 bus route cancellations

Canceled **bus routes** spiked during morning commute hours and in the afternoon.

5 P.M.

252 rail run cancellations

As with bus routes, canceled **train runs** were most common during peak commute times and summer months.

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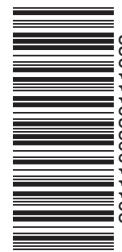
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Blago, budget & bodies

How much does Rod Blagojevich want for his house? That number and more from Monday's news.

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That's the list price for former Gov. Rod Blagojevich's house in Ravenswood Manor. The 13-room Mediterranean-style house formally went on the market Sunday.

400

That's how many City Hall senior and middle manager positions Mayor Emanuel said he is eliminating to save \$25 million in next year's budget. One hundred people will be laid off. The other 300 positions are vacant and won't be filled, the administration said.

2 weeks

Bodies left at the Cook County medical examiner's office for longer than two weeks will be donated to a medical research organization, according to a memo from the county's chief medical examiner. The practice applies only to bodies that have been identified and have not undergone autopsies.

EXPRESS LINES

- » Drug suspects fleeing from police Sunday night smashed into about a half-dozen vehicles parked on a street in South Shore, authorities said Monday.
- » The search for the man reported missing off Oak Street Beach on Saturday continued Monday morning, although the operation had turned into a recovery mission, officials said.
- » Despite continuing concerns about a backlog at the agency that handles allegations of police misconduct, Mayor Emanuel's recommendation to reappoint its top official won a unanimous endorsement Monday from a City Council committee. **TRIBUNE**

Biking ban plan

U get the msg? Panel backs idea to curb texting while riding

Chicago Tribune

Chicago cops could ticket bicyclists who text while riding on city streets under a proposal endorsed Monday by a panel of aldermen.

The proposal, recommended by the Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Committee, also would make it illegal to talk on a cellphone without a hands-free device while biking on the road. If approved Wednesday by the full City Council, the ban will go into effect next month.

"This ordinance basically levels the playing field between motorists and bicyclists," said Ald. Margaret Laurino (39th), chairman of the committee and sponsor of the measure. "Like drivers, bicyclists will not be able to text while moving. Nor will bicyclists be able to use their cellphones unless they utilize a hands-free device."

Also backing the measure was Adolfo Hernandez, director of outreach and advocacy for the pro-cyclists Active Transportation Alliance.

"We've been looking out for cyclists rights for more than the past 25 years," Hernandez said. "Even we are in complete support of this bike-text ban ordinance."

"It makes complete sense. ... As users of the road, we have the same rights and responsibilities as motorists."

In 2010, cyclists were involved in more than 1,600 crashes, in which five people were killed, said Luann Hamilton, deputy commissioner of project development in the Chicago Department of Transportation.

"This ordinance will address one of the risky behaviors by road users that can lead to crashes," she said.

Laurino said the issue of people on phones talking and texting first was brought to her by colleagues after recent hearings on cycling.

"I think it's common sense," she said. "I've actually seen people riding and texting with both hands. I'm not quite sure how they do that, but I have noticed that myself."

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Third offense: \$75 to \$100

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We couldn't save Jackson, ER doctor says

1 The emergency room doctor who declared Michael Jackson dead testified Monday in the involuntary manslaughter trial of Dr. Conrad Murray that there was no way doctors could have revived the pop icon after he arrived at the hospital.

Dr. Richelle Cooper (above) testified Friday that Murray never told her he had given Jackson the surgical anesthetic propofol before he stopped breathing, but she said Monday in L.A. it would not have made a difference if he had because Jackson "had died long before."

Typhoon tolls climb

2 The death toll from twin typhoons that pounded the Philippines has reached 59, authorities said. Typhoon Nesat has claimed 55 lives, and the death toll from Nalgae rose to four Monday as rescuers found the body of a man who drowned in raging floodwaters.

Yahoo, ABC team up

3 Yahoo and ABC News are teaming up to share news content, reporting resources and original videos. The "alliance," announced Monday on "Good Morning America" and at a press conference in New York City, is expected to reach 100 million people per month.

'MNF' song sacked

Hank Williams Jr.'s "Are You Ready for Some Football" intro was pulled before the Indianapolis-Tampa Bay "Monday Night Football" telecast because of comments Williams made comparing President Obama to Adolf Hitler, ESPN announced. There was no word from ESPN on whether Williams' intro would return in future weeks.



357 bikinis—and 1 world record

4 Women parade down Surfers Paradise beach in Australia on Sunday to break the record for the world's largest bikini parade. The number would have been greater, but four women were disqualified for overdressing. GETTY IMAGES



Obama: I'm the underdog in '12 race

5 **WASHINGTON** President Obama says he's "absolutely" the underdog in his bid for re-election, embracing the findings of a new survey that shows most Americans expect he'll be a one-term president.

Among the factors Obama said are weighing on his campaign is his own concession that the economy has not sufficiently recovered.

"I don't think [Americans are] better off than they were four years ago," Obama told ABC's George Stephanopoulos in a White House interview Monday. "What we've seen is that we've been able to make steady progress. ... But the unemployment rate is still way too high."

Obama offered the assessment, seized upon by Republicans, to make a pitch for his jobs program. "It's so critical for us to make sure that we are taking every action that we can take to put people back to work," he said.

The new poll, conducted by Langer Research Associates for ABC News and the Washington Post, showed that just 37 percent of respondents expected that Obama would win a second term, and 55 percent expected a Republican to win.

"Absolutely," Obama said when asked whether he's the underdog. "I don't mind. I'm used to being an underdog."

The president said, as he has in the past, that voters ultimately would make a decision based on "who's got a vision for the future that can actually help ordinary families recapture that American dream."

"Nobody is going to deny that we're not where we need to be, that the economy is not producing enough jobs that pay well and give people a leg up on life."

"And so the question is, what's most likely to get there?" he said.

THE DIGIT

38

Hong Kong police have arrested 38 people for "up-skirt" photo taking on the city's Mass Transit Railway during the first half of this year—a drop from the 41 arrested during the same period last year.

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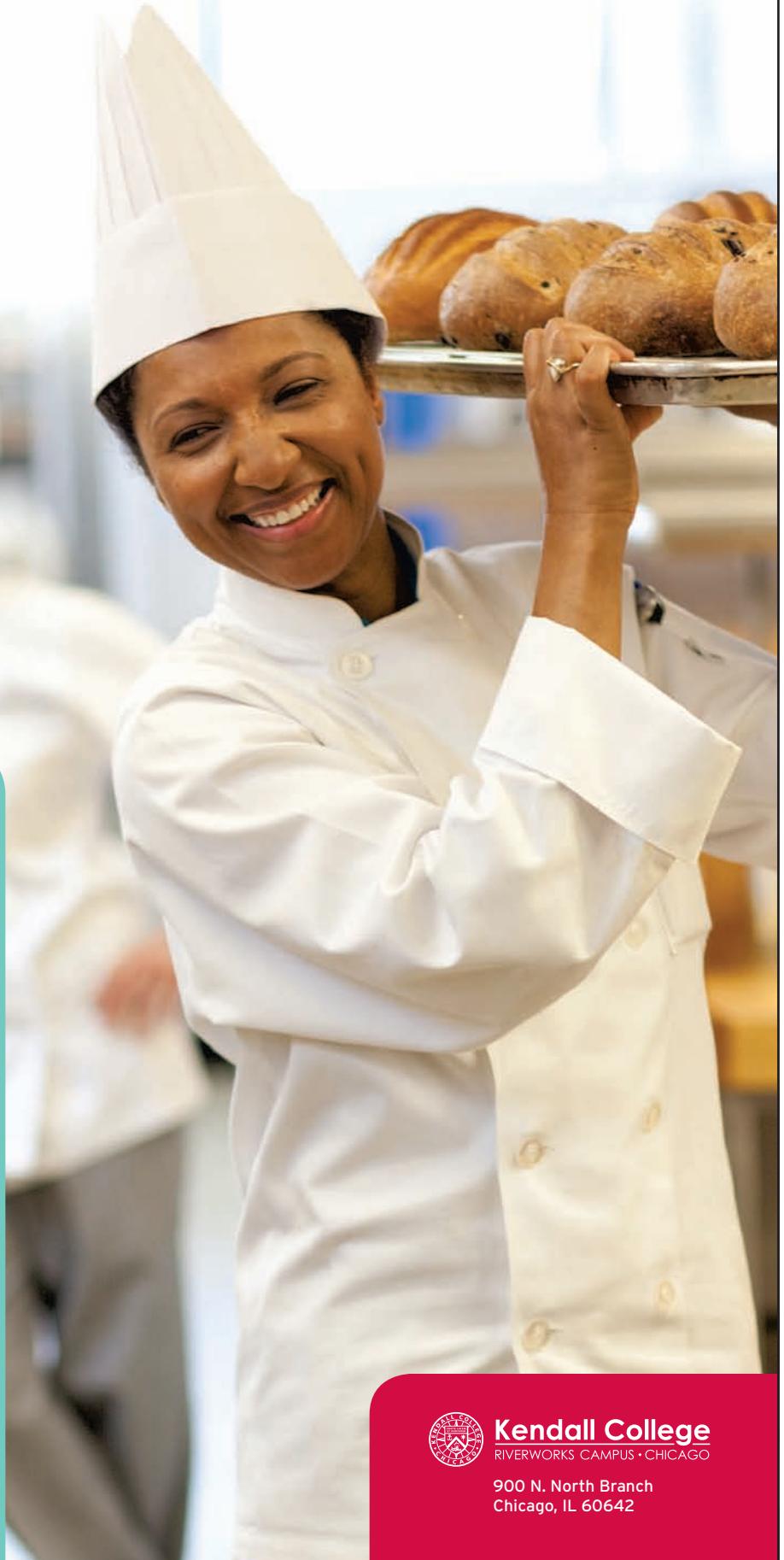
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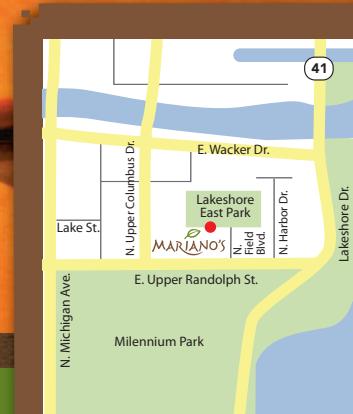
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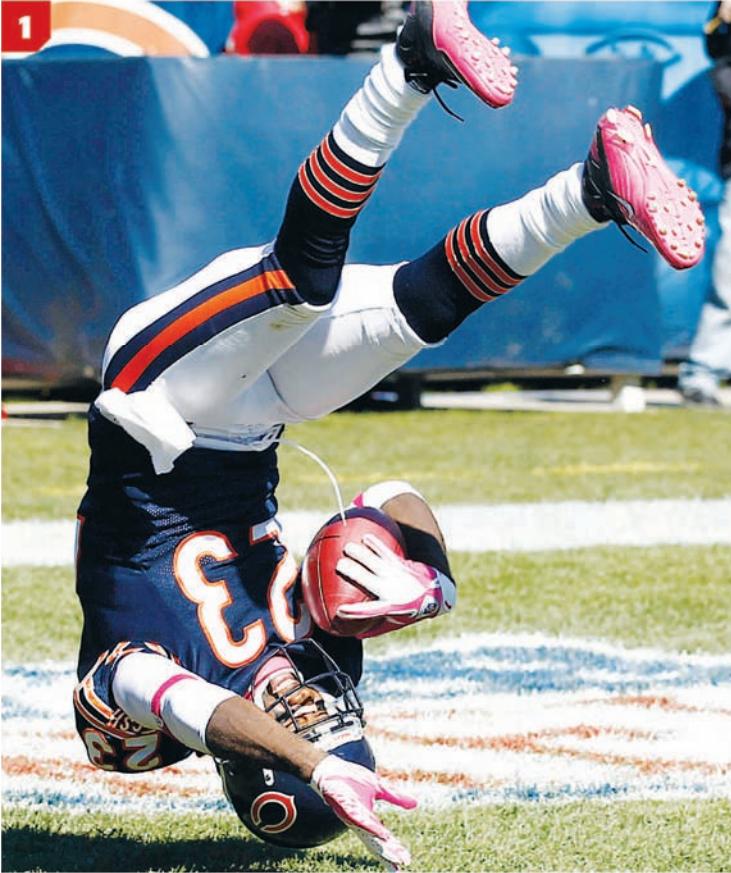
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Which Bear's touchdown celebration from Sunday deserves the loudest roar?



1 **Devin Hester**
The Triple Somersault

8.7 **8.8** **9.8**
CREATIVITY DIFFICULTY EXECUTION

TOTAL: 27.3

» Hester loses points because Reggie Bush pulled off a similar celebration against the Bears in the 2007 NFC championship game. Otherwise, it's impressive that he had the energy to do three somersaults after sprinting 69 yards.

SPENCER LIKELY TO PLAY WITH BROKEN HAND

Offensive lineman Chris Spencer's broken right hand shouldn't stop him from playing this week, Bears coach Lovie Smith said. Spencer finished Sunday's game with a cast. And until Gabe Carimi returns from a knee injury, it's a murky situation on the O-line.

RedEye

There must have been something in the Gatorade on Sunday, as several Bears broke out new touchdown celebrations in the win over Carolina. We couldn't just leave it at that, however. We couldn't resist applying our standards of jubilation excellence to find out who deserves bragging rights. (10 is the highest score in each category)



2 **Matt Forte**
The Flex and Pose

8.0 **7.0** **9.5**
CREATIVITY DIFFICULTY EXECUTION

TOTAL: 24.5

» Forte chose an understated way to celebrate, which seems to match his personality. We wonder if the flexing was meant to get the attention of Bears management, as if to say, "See, I've been working out a lot. Can you extend my contract now?"



3 **Marion Barber**
The Backflip

9.5 **9.8** **7.5**
CREATIVITY DIFFICULTY EXECUTION

TOTAL: 26.8

» Barber really made it only three-quarters of the way through his backflip, so his score takes a big hit there. But we'll grant him that it is tough to do with all that equipment on, and we haven't seen anyone attempt it in a while, if at all.

Go big or go home, White Sox



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This is no time to lose your nerve, Kenny Williams.

You and the White Sox went "all in" last season, and although it backfired, the thing to do now is double down.

Your roster is pretty much set. Meaning Adam Dunn will be back. So will

Jake Peavy and Alex Rios. The infield appears in place, with Brent Morel, Alexei Ramirez, Gordon Beckham, Paul Konerko and A.J. Pierzynski. Alejandro De Aza can step in for Juan Pierre, if only because he's younger and cheaper. That leaves Rios, Dayan Viciedo and Carlos Quentin—assuming you re-sign him—sharing time in the outfield with De Aza.

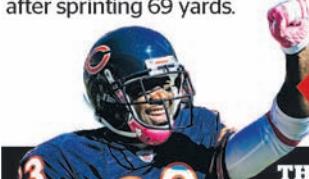
At this point you have to gamble on the law of averages and figure half the team won't woefully underachieve again in 2012. It adds up to at least one more year in which wholesale rebuilding should be off the table. Your style has always been an aggressive one, Kenny, and your managerial choice should mirror that philosophy.

You said the night Ozzie Guillen walked that you had a candidate in mind, someone who might be in place before the World Series. Tell me it's not Davey Martinez or Sandy Alomar. Tell me instead that it's someone with a championship ring. Someone who has experience getting the most out of veteran players. Someone Dunn is more likely to heed when he tells the slugger to work like a mule in the offseason.

I'd prefer that candidate be Tony La Russa. Persuade him to sign a one-year deal, as has been his pattern in St. Louis lately. That way if the whole situation disintegrates like the Bears' offensive line, you're not tied to a manager for multiple years.

I'm not convinced Detroit will overwhelm the AL Central for the foreseeable future. Nor am I resigned to the Sox suffering a slew of injuries at critical times as they did in 2011. But I am concerned that the wrong manager will do a disservice to a team with potential.

(Note: All bets are off if Williams pulls off a major trade or two in the offseason. That would be sooo Kenny.)



WINNER: HESTER. Leave it to a guy known for big plays to celebrate in style.

THE STARTING LINE

» U.S. Open Cup final: Fire at Seattle, 9 p.m., Fox Soccer Channel

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1 Why was Matt Forte able to set a career high for rushing yards Sunday?

He won all of Cutler's blocking privileges in poker. Jay's O-line keeps dealing him five-card duds.

Because Mike Martz had a career worst day.

He was trying to keep Jerry Angelo and Ted Phillips from running off with his loot.

Forte's stealth moves aided by the Ghost of Walter Payton's Past Affairs.

Forte wanted to make his own impressive run before Sunday's Chicago Marathon. Good luck, participants!

2 Devin Hester set the record for punt return touchdowns. What's he win?

You see that TD celebration? The man wants a hamster wheel.

The bronzed leg of Sammy Baugh.

An MMA cage match with Jeff Pearlman to defend Walter Payton's honor.

More snaps at wide receiver. You know, because who wants him healthy?

A new specialty at Japonais: the Hester Roll. Fastest. Sushi. Ever.

3 An NFL quarterback accounting for six TDs in one game is like ...

... Martha Stewart's daughter revealing that Mommy wasn't exactly dearest. Boggles the mind.

... so cray.

... the Cubs accounting for 103 years without a World Series title. Unreal!

... just like discovering the New World AND killing 2 million Arawak Indians. Happy Columbus Day!

... Adam Duritz dating both Jennifer Aniston and Courtney Cox: improbable, but it did happen.

4 Explain the Detroit Lions' 4-0 start.

Tough run D and a mastery of the vertical passing game. Oh, and they signed Lion-O from the ThunderCats.

They imported HGH from Detroit to win in Dallas.

If I could do that, I'd be explaining the \$1 million lottery ticket I bought today.

See: Crop circles, Bigfoot, cancellation of "Friday Night Lights," Drew Carey on "The Price is Right."

To make it that much more satisfying when the Bears beat them Monday night, I hope.

5 What preparations should the Hawks make before the season begins?

I've created a Patrick Kane cheering section of older suburban moms. Behold, the Kane County Cougars!

In Patrick Kane's case, H.

Where they're going to be vacationing once the playoffs start.

Hawks are fine, but the Ice Crew girls are preparing with strenuous "golf balls out of garden hose" drills.

An advance screening of "Real Steel," which kind of looks like the "Gigli" of robot movies.

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Super Bowl material?

A report on [sbnation.com](#) says Madonna will headline the Super Bowl XLVI halftime show in Indianapolis. The singer and director's rep told the Los Angeles Times on Monday that there is "nothing to confirm at this time," and an NFL official similarly had no comment to [sbnation.com](#) regarding its report.

Madonna seems like an ideal choice in that her level of global popularity is undeniable. Of course, the same can be said for her degree of ... let's call it wardrobe experimentation. The NFL probably is crossing its fingers that it doesn't end up with another Janet Jackson incident. Then again, people have been talking about it ever since, so maybe the NFL has no room to complain.

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TALK TO US

Will you watch if Madonna is the Super Bowl halftime performer? Text "super" followed by the number of your choice to **87708**. Msg&data rates may apply.

1. Of course, her music never goes out of style.
2. Yes, but only to see if something crazy happens.
3. Not even if you paid me.

COPS AND JOCKS

Illini linebacker suspended for cheap shot

Illinois has suspended linebacker Jonathan Brown one game after he kneed Northwestern offensive lineman Patrick Ward in the groin Saturday. Brown, a sophomore, released an apology Monday.

"I apologize to my family, my teammates and the Illinois fans for letting them down," he said. "I also would like to apologize to the Northwestern team for my actions."

Video of the incident is on YouTube, and it's laughable that Brown thought he could get away with such a blatant disregard for a man's personal space. He's lucky he wasn't ejected—or worse, a target for retaliation.



COPS AND JOCKS

One expensive outburst

Police in Madison, Wis., have given a

Nebraska football player a \$326 ticket for damaging an airport paper towel dispenser after the Cornhuskers were beaten 48-17 by Wisconsin on Saturday.

A sheriff's spokeswoman said 19-year-old redshirt freshman **Chase Rome** was with the team in the Dane County Regional Airport in Madison early Sunday, waiting to return to Lincoln, when he damaged a dispenser in a restroom.



NEW GOALS FOR U.S. SOCCER

U.S. soccer stars **Hope Solo, Abby Wambach** and **Alex Morgan** will run as part of a Chicago Marathon charity relay during the race Sunday. Thirteen runners from Chicago and around the country will be chosen to run with the soccer trio. We're sure it's for a great cause, but could they arrange a rematch with Japan while they're at it?

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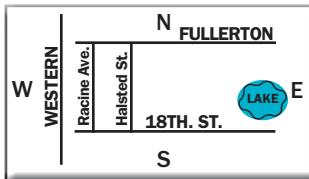
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Make your way into Logan Square's latest late-night offering, The Owl, on a Monday or Friday night and you're likely to see Sarah Crossley working behind the spot's massive, 50-foot bar. If she looks familiar, that's because she was a Metromix Best Bartender contender in 2009 while bartending at Japonais and Mac's. Get there at the start of her 7 p.m.-midnight shift if you actually want to have a chat—The Owl may be new, but it's already packed.

How did you start bartending?

After college I was working at a restaurant and they offered to train me to bartend. I took the opportunity and have been involved in the industry ever since.

When you get a night off, do you prefer to go out or stay in?

Staying in and cooking dinner is most likely what I'll be doing on my nights off.

What's your go-to drink to order and to make?

A good beer will do, but I do love Champagne. Let's be specific: Ruinart Blanc de Blancs. Yummy. My favorite drink to make is whatever you're ordering from me!

What are your favorite bars in Chicago?

There are so many great bars in Chicago, but when I do get out I like to go visit my friends at Bar Deville.

What kind of music to you listen to when you're working?

I listen to a wide range of music, but I have been known to play a little too much DEVO.

What do you like about working in Logan Square?

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- **Abduction** (PG-13) 11:05,1:40,4:20,5:20,7:00,9:40,11:00
- **Drive** (R) 11:40,2:25,5:05,7:55,10:45
- **50/50** (R) 11:10,1:45,4:25,7:10,9:45
- **I Don't Know How She Does It** (PG-13) 11:00,3:50,8:55
- **Contagion** (PG-13) 1:45,2:30,10:45
- **AMC Independent Machine Gun Preacher** (R) 11:10,2:05,4:55,7:45,10:35
- **The Lion King 3D** (G) 1:10,20,3:40,6:05,8:20,10:55
- **Killer Elite** (R) 11:30,12:30,2:10,3:10,5:00,6:00,7:50,8:50,10:40
- **AMC Independent Kevin Hart: Laugh at My Pain** (R) 11:55,2:20,4:35,7:00,9:25
- **Warrior** (PG-13) 11:00,2:05,7:55
- **The Debt** (R) 11:20,7:30,10:20
- **Rise of the Planet of the Apes** (PG-13) 1:15,6:10
- **Crazy, Stupid, Love.** (PG-13) 2:50,6:00,9:00
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- **Dream House** (PG-13) 11:55,2:50,5:45,8:30
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- **Dolphin Tale** (PG) 1:30,7:00
- **Abduction** (PG-13) 2:05,4:45,7:35,10:15
- **Moneyball** (PG-13) 1:05, P.M.
- **Shark Night 3D** (PG-13) 1:20,4:10,6:30,9:05
- **Drive** (R) 10:20 P.M.
- **50/50** (R) 4:55,7:25,9:55
- **Contagion** (PG-13) 2:15,4:50,7:45,10:10
- **The Lion King 3D** (G) 2:40,5:15,7:30,10:00
- **Killer Elite** (R) 1:40,4:35,7:20,10:15
- **Spy Kids: All the Time in the World in 4D** (PG) 2:00 P.M.
- **AMC Independent Kevin Hart: Laugh at My Pain** (R) 1:00,3:50,6:20
- **What's Your Number?** (R) 4:30,7:15,9:50
- **Dream House** (PG-13) 2:20,5:00,7:40,9:35
- **Colombiana** (PG-13) 1:25,4:00,6:45,9:20
- **Dolphin Tale 3D** (PG) 4:15,9:45

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- **Dolphin Tale** (PG) 4:15,10:15
- **Courageous** (PG-13) 1:10,4:25,7:35,10:45
- **Fast Five: The IMAX Experience** (PG-13) 4:00 P.M.
- **Abduction** (PG-13) 12:30,3:20,6:10,9:00
- **Drive** (R) 12:00,2:30,5:30,8:20,11:00
- **50/50** (R) 12:05,2:40,5:25,8:10,10:55
- **I Don't Know How She Does It** (PG-13) 10:35 P.M.
- **Contagion: The IMAX Experience** (PG-13) 1:00 P.M.
- **The Lion King 3D** (G) 1:20,3:55,6:30,9:05
- **Killer Elite** (R) 5:00,8:00,10:50
- **Spy Kids: All the Time in the World in 4D** (PG) 2:00 P.M.
- **AMC Independent Kevin Hart: Laugh at My Pain** (R) 1:00,3:50,6:20
- **What's Your Number?** (R) 4:30,7:15,9:50
- **Dream House** (PG-13) 2:20,5:00,7:40,9:35
- **Dolphin Tale 3D** (PG) 4:15,9:45

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- **Dolphin Tale** (PG) 4:10,9:40
- **Abduction** (PG-13) 1:20,3:55,6:30,9:00
- **Drive** (R) 12:05,2:25,5:55,7:50,10:20
- **Moneyball** (PG-13) 1:10,4:15,7:30,10:25
- **50/50** (R) 12:00,2:15,4:45,7:20,9:50
- **Contagion** (PG-13) 12:50,3:15,5:50,8:30
- **Killer Elite** (R) 1:15,4:20,7:00,9:30
- **Spy Kids: All the Time in the World in 4D** (PG) 2:00 P.M.
- **AMC Independent Kevin Hart: Laugh at My Pain** (R) 12:40,2:50,5:00,7:10,9:20
- **Straw Dogs** (R) 4:40,10:00
- **The Debt** (R) 4:45,7:45
- **Rise of the Planet of the Apes** (PG-13) 5:05 P.M.
- **What's Your Number?** (R) 1:25,4:10,7:05,9:55
- **Dream House** (PG-13) 1:20,3:55,6:30,9:05
- **Dolphin Tale 3D** (PG) 1:20,3:55,6:30,9:05

WEBSTER PLACE 11 (REGAL)

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■ **Dream House** (PG-13) 1:00,3:20,5:40,8:00,10:30

- **What's Your Number?** (R) 12:00,2:30,5:15,8:10,10:50
- **Contagion** (PG-13) 2:30,5:15,8:10,10:50
- **Dream House** (PG-13) 1:20,1:50,3:50,4:50,7:45,10:15,11:00
- **The Help** (PG-13) 2:40,6:20,9:30
- **Abduction** (PG-13) 2:15,5:10,8:00,10:45
- **Machine Gun Preacher** (R) 1:10,4:00,7:00,10:00
- **Moneyball** (PG-13) 1:20,20,1:00,3:30,4:10,6:40,7:15,9:20,9:50,10:20
- **Drive** (R) 2:10,4:45,7:50,10:40
- **The Lion King 3D** (G) 1:45,2:15,4:15,5:15,6:50,7:20,9:40
- **50/50** (R) 1:23,20,2:00,4:20,4:40,6:00,7:40,8:45,10:15,11:15
- **Killer Elite** (R) 1:30,4:20,7:30,10:30

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■ **Moneyball** (PG-13) * VIP Premium 21+ 1:00,4:10,7:15,9:50
■ **50/50** (R) * VIP Premium 21+ 12:30,3:20,6:00,8:45,11:15

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- **Dolphin Tale** (PG) * 4:00,9:00
- **Abduction** (PG-13) * 12:00,2:25,4:50,7:15,9:40
- **Moneyball** (PG-13) * 1:00,4:10,7:00,9:50
- **50/50** (R) * 12:30,2:45,5:00,7:15,9:30
- **Contagion** (PG-13) 12:05,2:25,4:45,7:05,9:25
- **The Lion King 3D** (G) 12:30,2:35,4:40,6:45,8:50
- **What's Your Number?** (R) * 12:10,2:35,5:00,7:25,9:50
- **Dolphin Tale 3D** (PG) * 1:30,6:30

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- **50/50** (R) 11:30,12:45,2:00,3:15,4:30,5:45,7:00,8:15,9:30,10:45
- **Abduction** (PG-13) * 12:25,1:45,3:00,4:20,5:35,6:55,8:10
- **Contagion** (PG-13) * 11:40,2:20,5:00,7:40,10:20
- **Detective Dee and the Mystery of the Phantom Flame** (PG-13) 1:55,4:45,7:35,10:30
- **Dolphin Tale** (PG) * 11:45,2:30
- **Dolphin Tale 3D** (PG) 5:05,7:45,10:25
- **Dream House** (PG-13) * 12:00,2:40,5:20,8:00,10:40
- **Drive** (R) * 12:50,3:20,5:50,8:20,10:45
- **Higher Ground** (R) 1:13,30,4:35,5:50
- **I Don't Know How She Does It** (PG-13) * 2:10,7:15
- **Killer Elite** (R) * 2:05,4:45,7:30,10:15
- **Machine Gun Preacher** (R) * 1:10,4:15,7:20,10:25
- **Moneyball** (PG-13) * 1:10,4:15,7:20,10:25
- **The Debt** (R) 7:50,10:30
- **The Guard** (R) 11:50,2:30,5:15,6:50,10:00
- **The Help** (PG-13) * 12:20,3:35,6:50,10:00
- **The Lion King** (G) * 12:00,4:20,5:15,6:45,8:25
- **The Lion King 3D** (G) 2:25,4:50,7:10,9:25
- **Warrior** (PG-13) * 9:40,10:45
- **What's Your Number?** (R) * 11:25,20,4:45,7:10,9:45



Portia De Rossi, left, and Will Arnett do the chicken dance in front of the "Arrested Development" cast Sunday at the New Yorker Festival. **GETTY IMAGES**

5 THINGS YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT 'ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT'

LOS ANGELES The big news from the "Bluth Family Reunion" panel at the New Yorker Festival was series creator Mitch Hurwitz's announcement of an "Arrested Development" return to TV before the long-anticipated movie. But as the entire cast gathered together for the first time since they wrapped their Emmy-winning comedy in 2006, there were plenty of other fan-pleasing nuggets dropped throughout their raucous conversation. **LOS ANGELES TIMES**



1 Portia de Rossi, who plays Bluth sister Lindsay, said the initial script for "Arrested Development" came with a cover letter that indicated the series would be shot with handheld cameras, that there would not be a lot of frills on set and that, absolutely, under no circumstances, would any "diva" behavior be tolerated.

2 David Cross, as Lindsay Bluth's "never-nude" husband Tobias Funke: "I had to fight for the mustache," referring to his character's trademark facial fur. Cross and Hurwitz said former Fox entertainment president Gail Berman did not like the network's comedy characters to have mustaches. Cross' character eventually ended up with a 'stache.

3 Jason Bateman, who plays Michael, the only sane (relatively speaking) Bluth sibling, said the cast hadn't even really rehearsed together when they began filming the first episode, and filming took place on a boat.

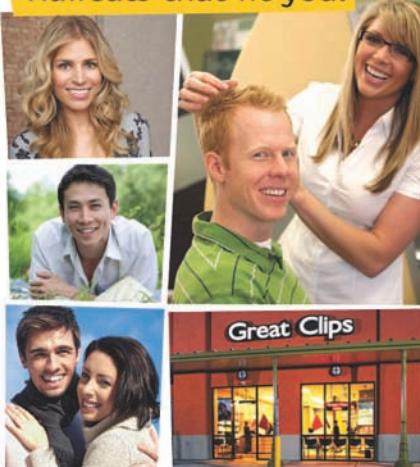
4 The Bluth Banana Stand is real. Sort of. When Hurwitz was 13, he and his brother Michael started their own business, selling homemade chocolate chip cookies, out of an abandoned taco stand in Newport Beach, Calif.



5 "Arrested Development" executive producer and narrator **Ron Howard** – who participated in Sunday's reunion via speakerphone from California – originally came up with the idea of using the mockumentary format to unfold a family comedy. His inspiration: lots of reality TV, including episodes of "Cops."

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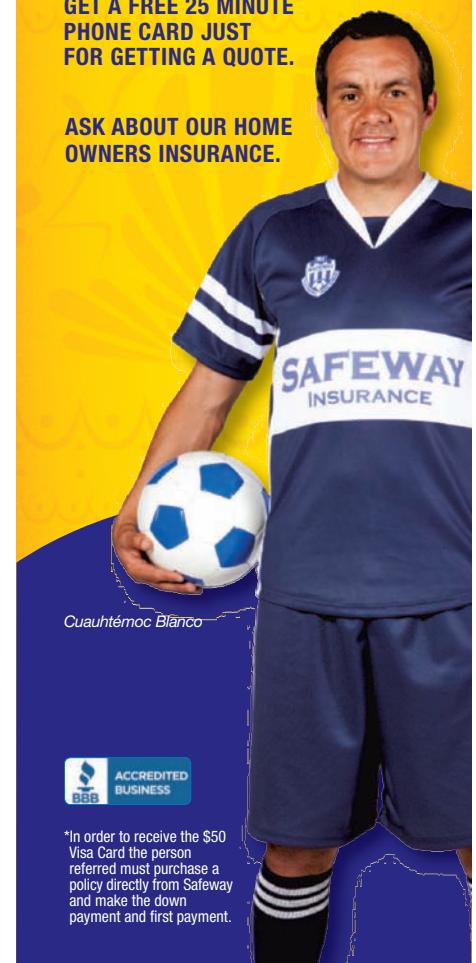
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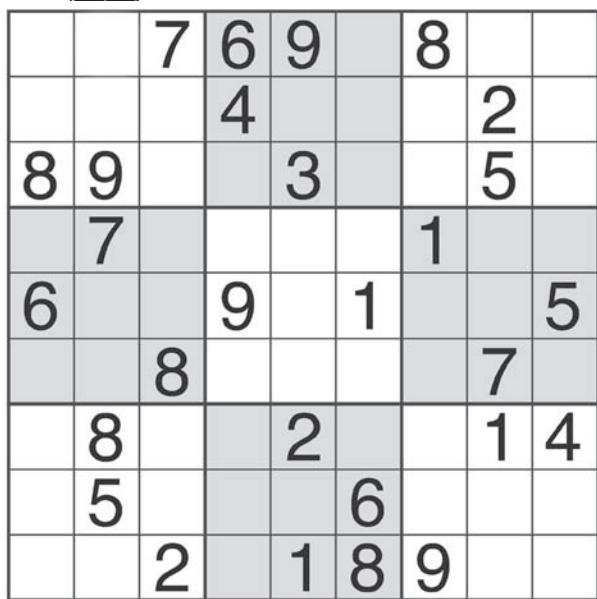
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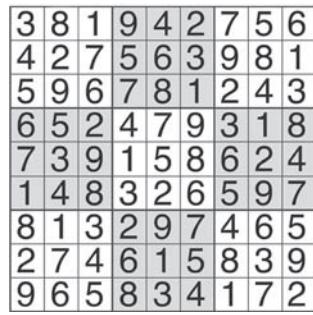
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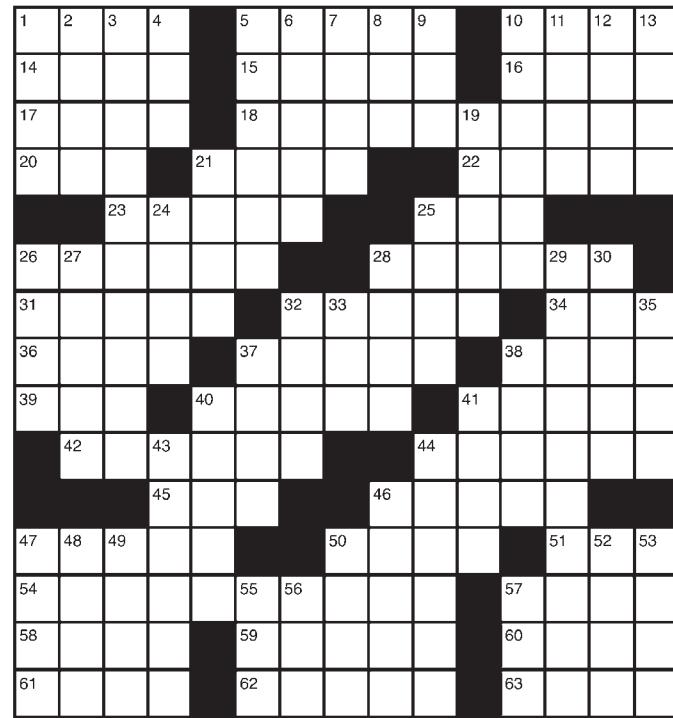
MONDAY'S SOLUTIONS

ACROSS

1 _-and-seek; child's game
 5 Synagogue leader
 10 Related
 14 Computer screen image
 15 Pacific, for one
 16 Have a meal
 17 _ off; repel
 18 Nervous _; emotional collapses
 20 “_ Sweet as Apple Cider”
 21 Biden, for short
 22 Place for a watch
 23 Hideaways
 25 Scottish denial
 26 Druggie
 28 Edge
 31 Soup server
 32 Bundle of stalks
 34 Talk on and on
 36 Adder's sign
 37 _ and go; iffy
 38 Singer Seeger
 39 1/60 of a min.
 40 Prison knife
 41 Motherless calf
 42 Tara Lipinski or Michelle Kwan
 44 Lack of color in the complexion
 45 Raced
 46 Biblical prophet
 47 Frequently
 50 _ out at; attack verbally
 51 Jacuzzi
 54 Indirect
 57 One who sponges off others
 58 Castro's nation
 59 Terra _; clay for pots
 60 Chair or stool
 61 Beer's cousins
 62 Artist's stand
 63 Inquires

DOWN

1 1960s stereo
 2 _ tea
 3 Disney quacker
 4 Finish
 5 Actor De Niro
 6 TV's "Green _"
 7 Toot the horn
 8 Lamb's cry
 9 Pen contents
 10 Worshipped
 11 Hairy New Zealand bird
 12 Hotels
 13 _ egg; money in reserve
 19 Sneaky or Doc
 21 Bad habit
 24 Feels sick
 25 Ark builder
 26 "Heidi" setting



43 Sports venues
 44 Part of USPS
 46 Terre _ Ind.
 47 Killer whale
 48 Loathsome
 49 British subway
 50 Plenty
 52 Acme
 53 _ and crafts
 55 Bandage; elastic wrap
 56 Crushing snake
 57 Neighbor of Canada

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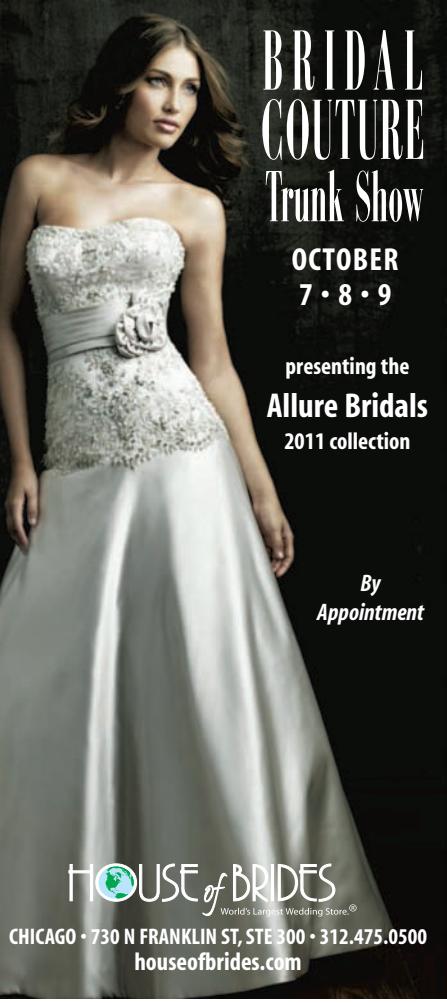
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TOP CELEB HANGOUTS: SEPTEMBER

MEAL TICKET

Who goes to a steakhouse for chicken and veggies? Da Bears



ABOUT LAST NIGHT

Luis Gomez

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As expected, the group of mammoth Bears defensive lineman who walked into Chicago Cut Steakhouse on Thursday turned a few heads. Not as expected? What they ordered. Well, more like what they didn't order.

"All of them stayed away from [steak]," Chicago Cut managing partner David Flom said. "They were trying to eat healthy. It was amazing seeing the biggest guys ever eating small amounts of food."

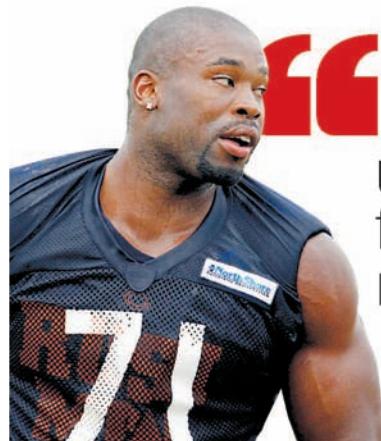
The players were just as health-conscious when it came to their drinks: They ordered about 35 bottles of water to accompany their chicken and vegetable meals.

Flom said the group—which included Julius Peppers, Israel Idonije, Corey Wootton, Nick Reed and Henry Melton—is hoping to make Thursday dinner a tradition among defensive linemen to build camaraderie. While they may not clean out the kitchen during these meals, they will take up a good chunk of the restaurant's seating.

"Israel set up the reservation," Flom said. "His text said, 'There will be 11 of us, so set up the table for like 20 regular people.'"

Where did Chicago Cut Steakhouse rank among Chicago's top celebrity hangouts last month? Here's the September edition of the About Last Night rankings.

FOR MORE OF CHICAGO'S CELEB NEWS, GO TO CHICAGOTRIBUNE.COM/LUIS.



There will be 11 of us, so set up the table for like 20 regular people."

—Bears lineman **Israel Idonije** in a text to set up a reservation at Chicago Cut Steakhouse

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BEST OF THE REST

The Underground (Jenna Dewan-Tatum, Amber Heard), **Le Colonial** (Amy Adams, Laurence Fishburne), **Harry Caray's Italian Steakhouse, River North** (Rosie O'Donnell, Patrick Kane), **Harry Caray's Tavern, Navy Pier** (Aramis Ramirez, Starlin Castro), **Lux Bar** (Zac Efron, Eddie Cibrian)



GETTY IMAGES FILE PHOTOS

1 Paris Club

Celebs: Gerard Butler, **Miley Cyrus**, Jennifer Hudson, Kelly Osbourne, Henry Cavill

3 Gibson's Bar & Steakhouse, Gold Coast

Celebs: Rosie O'Donnell, Amy Adams, Brian Urlacher, Henry Cavill, Eve

4 Chicago Cut Steakhouse

Celebs: Ryan Seacrest, Lupe Fiasco, Julianne Hough, Julius Peppers, Lance Briggs

5 Japonais

Celebs: Jonah Hill, Christopher Meloni, Jay Cutler, Roberto Garza, Chris Williams

6 Hub 51

Celebs: Jay Cutler, Sidney Crosby, Colin Quinn, Tim Meadows, Bill and Giuliana Rancic

7 Smith & Wollensky

Celebs: Tyrese Gibson, Henry Cavill, Jim Belushi, Jonathan Toews

8 Rockit Bar & Grill

Celebs: Henry Cavill, Joey Fatone, Zack Snyder, Natura Naughton, Leah Renee

9 Public House

Celebs: Zac Efron, Joe Jonas, Chris Duhon, Corey Graham

10 Mastro's Steakhouse

Celebs: Jay Cutler, Patrick Kane, Juwan Howard, Michael Finley, Michael Frolik

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Not the face!
Owen Wilson's ridiculously good-looking character Hansel in "Zoolander 2" may have fallen on hard times. Wilson hints to MTV that the male model suffered a "disfiguring injury." He didn't reveal too many details but did offer this: "Think 'Vanilla Sky.' Hansel, he's so not hot right now."



It's a boy
"The Office" star Jenna Fischer has a new little assistant. The actress and husband Lee Kirk welcomed a son, Weston Lee, late last month, Fischer's rep told People magazine. On the show, Fischer's character, Pam, has a young daughter and is pregnant with her second child.



Rihanna
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THE DIGIT

9 MONTHS

That's how much time J. Cole, who just dropped a record last week, told **billboard.com** he needs before releasing his next album. Cole performs in Chicago on Sunday at House of Blues.



That's not me.
That's a part I play.
You know, like it's a piece
of art, with all these toys
and textures to play with."

Rihanna to British Vogue on her raunchy stage persona, according to **usmagazine.com**



Swift beats

T.I., who recently was released from a halfway house, joined **Taylor Swift** in a performance of Jay-Z's "Live Your Life" during her Atlanta show Sunday night. "Singing 'Live Your Life' with TI tonight was unreal. LOUDEST screams from the crowd, 14,000 people, hands in the air - welcome back @Tip!!" Swift tweeted after the show. Sheesh, she's got friends everywhere.

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